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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. _____ 2013-008 _____
DATE October 21, 2013 _____

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY RESOURCES
COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the natural resources are the cornerstone of economies to many of our coastal and inland communities;

WHEREAS, any changes in our climate may provide both opportunities and challenges for economic, cultural and natural resource communities;

WHEREAS, Maine's built environment sustains our economy by providing transportation opportunities, provides clean drinking water, wastewater solutions, houses our citizens and our businesses and provides our energy;

WHEREAS, any potential vulnerabilities to our built and natural resource environment creates the need to coordinate the strategies which will be required to address the complex issues involved with changes in our climate and which are designed to provide specific and identifiable tools to assist decision-makers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby order as follows:

1. The Environment and Energy Resources Council ("Council") is hereby established;
2. The membership of the Council shall consist of seventeen (17) persons appointed by the Governor including the following stakeholder groups necessary to create specific, identifiable and necessary tools for natural resource and infrastructure decision-makers:
 - a. Engineering;
 - b. Water and wastewater infrastructure operations;
 - c. Natural resource industry organizations;
 - d. State and local agencies.

The Governor shall appoint one member of the Council to serve as Chair who shall schedule, establish the agenda for, and preside at the Council meetings.

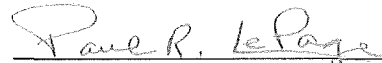
Staff support to the Council will be provided by the Department of Environmental Protection or other state agencies with expertise on specific areas of focus by the Council.

3. Members shall serve without compensation.
4. The Council shall implement the following action items, as prioritized by the Council:
 - a. Development of specific, identifiable and necessary informational tools for natural resource and infrastructure decision-makers;
 - b. Coordinate and recommend strategic approaches to cross-cutting and multi-agency issues to ensure unified and consistent information is available to decision-makers;
 - c. Identify and recommend necessary any potential challenges which need further development.

The Council shall undertake such other duties and responsibilities from time to time as may be required to provide the specific tools necessary for natural resource, infrastructure and the built environment decision-makers in Maine.

5. The Council shall submit a report to the Governor with specific tools, the recommendations for unified approaches, and identification of further challenges and its overall progress by September 12, 2014.

The effective date of the Executive Order is October 21, 2013.


Paul R. LePage, Governor